

South King County Projects Update

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South King County traffic closures this week

Interstate 5, Federal Way

Monday through Thursday nights, weather permitting, expect <u>closures of up to three lanes in each direction</u> between S. 320th and the Pierce County line. Crews will make pavement improvements as part of the I-5 widening project.

State Route 18, Auburn

Wednesday and Thursday nights, weather permitting, expect <u>closures of the left lane in each direction</u> at SR 167 as crews restripe lanes.

State Route 161, Federal Way

Expect <u>weekday single lane closures</u> from S. 360th to Jovita Blvd. as crews do final paving on the SR 161 widening project.

Wednesday through Friday nights, weather permitting, expect single lane closures from Jovita Blvd. to Milton Way for paving. One lane will remain open. Flaggers will alternate one-way traffic through the work zone.

State Route 167, Kent/Auburn

Weekday shoulder closures, 15th St. SW to S. 180th, as crews install 13 miles of orange fencing and erosion control features for the <u>SR 167 widening project</u>. The fencing marks sensitive wetlands so they aren't disturbed during construction.

Monday through Thursday nights we'll <u>close lanes and ramps</u> to set barriers and restripe lanes, weather permitting. We'll close lanes on northbound and southbound SR 167, and ramps at the S. 180th interchange.

State Route 516, Covington/Maple Valley

Weekdays we'll reduce SR 516 to a single lane near 208th/209th Ave. SE and flaggers will alternate traffic as crews work on the <u>SR 516 improvement project</u>. Drivers should expect delays on SR 516 and should consider alternate routes or postpone their trips.

WSDOT helping restore environment at Marine View Drive Bridge in Des Moines

As part of the <u>SR 509 extension project</u>, WSDOT is partnering with other agencies to enhance and restore some of the critical functions of Des Moines Creek that have been degraded over years of development within the creek basin. The city of Des Moines is currently building improvements at the Marine View Drive Bridge with partial funding from WSDOT.

Crews are <u>replacing an existing culvert</u> (drainage structure) on Des Moines Creek with a bridge. This will improve fish passage, restore and enhance the creek, and open up more than two more miles of habitat. It will also provide a pedestrian trail connection from Des Moines Creek Beach Park to S. 216th Street.

Drivers should expect intermittent 15-30 minute delays at the bridge this spring and summer as crews deliver materials and move heavy equipment such as cranes and drilling machinery. Also expect lane closures in July and August as crews complete final work. We'll include details in future e-mail updates. The city expects the project to be complete by September.

Highway advisory radio updates

Tune your radio to 1520 AM to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson.

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